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# FOCUS

**REPORT FROM CITY HALL**

## Goats to the rescue!

**R**esidents of San Bruno were once again treated to the sight of goats eating the tall grasses behind the homes along 7th Avenue. This is part of the San Francisco International Airport's continuing commitment to minimize the fire danger in this area by using the goats to keep the grasses on Airport property from becoming a fire hazard.



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# More reductions as City Council gives direction for 2004-05 City budget

**T**he City Council has approved the 2004-05 General Fund budget strategy for creating the City budget to begin July 1, 2004. Given the future economic uncertainty facing San Bruno and other cities and counties within the State of California, the City will implement a one-year budget cycle instead of its usual two-year budget program. The City budget is an important tool for accountability; it sets the service and program priorities and serves as an action plan to address these priorities.

The accumulated effect of the economy and State actions has required the City Council to take decisive budgetary actions over the past two years. From the beginning of 2003-04, the City Council eliminated non-essential operating expenses (training and supply and equipment purchases) and imposed a hiring freeze. The second round of budget cuts in January 2004 began having unavoidable impacts on public services. For example, Sunday hours at the Library were eliminated, and cross-staffing procedures impact the availability of two fire apparatus at the main fire station. As a result of this round of budget cuts, 14 positions were eliminated from the City workforce.

To deal with the current fiscal situation, the City Council held two budget study sessions in late March and early April to discuss the City's budget deficit reduction plan. These meetings allowed the City Council to evaluate various options for addressing the revenue/expenditure imbalance and to provide guidance for preparing the 2004-05 budget.

The City's budget comprises both the General Fund and Special Revenue Funds, which include redevelopment, solid waste, and aircraft noise insulation appropriations. The General Fund, which finances the basic operations of the City, including the library, street and park maintenance, and other City operations, with

about one-half (\$14,000,000) of the Fund supporting police and fire services, has drawn the focus of the City Council's actions.

The proposed budget strategy addresses a projected \$3,000,000 General Fund budget deficit, which equals about 10% of the total General Fund for 2004-05, and calls for the reduction of 10.5 positions from the City workforce. The strategy consists of:

- (1) Reductions in administrative and support functions (human resources, city clerk, finance and building maintenance activities, restructuring employee compensation);
- (2) Expenditure reductions to public services (reducing police, fire, planning, engineering, tree maintenance,

finance, park maintenance, and recreation services); and

- (3) Limited revenue enhancements.

To achieve a \$3,000,000 expenditure reduction alone, the budget would likely have required eliminating up to an additional 25 personnel, further affecting all departments and all levels of the organization. The proposed budget strategy results in layoffs for a number of employees, effective July 1.

The City Manager's proposed General Fund and Special Revenue Funds Budget for 2004-05-based on the proposed budget strategy will be distributed to the City Council and made available to the public at the end of June. The City Council will hold additional public budget study sessions prior to approving the budget for 2004-05.



## A safe and sane 4th of July

**O**nly State Fire Marshal approved "safe and sane" fireworks are allowed to be sold and used in San Bruno. They are not allowed to be sold or used in any other part of San Mateo County except Pacifica.

"Safe and sane" fireworks do not explode or fly in the air. Illegal fireworks can fly in the air or explode, and include firecrackers and bottle rockets.

Celebrate safely. Have a water hose and a bucket of water ready. Leave streets open for emergency vehicles.

Properly extinguish your used fireworks in a bucket of water before putting in a trash container.

# LAUGH IT UP @ YOUR LIBRARY!

It's summer, and time for some hilarious happenings at the San Bruno Library. The whole family is again invited to join our Summer Reading Program, "Laugh It Up at Your Library!" Read or listen to a book each week, and you'll get a prize. Read lots of books each week, and you'll help to make Angus, our summer reading mascot, a clown! And, of course, everyone is invited to our weekly entertainment programs. Sign-ups start on Monday, June 7, in the Children's Room of the Library. Come in, sign up, and get a prize! Summer Reading starts on Monday, June 14, and ends Friday, July 23. Enjoy your summer — come to the San Bruno Library, and laugh it up!

Here is a list of our Weekly Events:

## **Boswick the Clown -**

Thursday, June 17, at 3:00 PM

## **Short Attention Span Circus -**

Thursday, June 24, at 2:00 PM

## **Brian Scott, Magician -**

Wednesday, June 30, at 3:00 PM

## **Happy Birds -**

Wednesday, July 7, at 3:00 PM

## **Puppet Art Theatre -**

Wednesday, July 14, at 2:00 PM

## **Derique the Unique Clown -**

Friday, July 23, at 3:00 PM



And last, but not least, join us on Wednesday, July 28, between 1:30 PM and 3:00 PM on the Library patio for our Summer Reading ice cream party!

The San Bruno Library Summer Reading Program is brought to you through the generous sponsorship of The Friends of the San Bruno Library and the Sammut Family Foundation.

## Concerts at the Rotary Pavilion



## **F**riday Evenings at 6 p.m.

At San Bruno City Park

Rotary Pavilion

All performances are FREE!

Call 650-616-7184 for more info

Friday, August 6

**Pamela Rose**

Soul & Jazz

Friday, August 13

**E-Ticket Band**

Classic Songs from the 60's & 70's

Friday, August 20

**Fred McCarthy and Company**

Country

Friday, August 27

**Big Breakfast**

Acoustic Rock

Friday, September 10

**Dave Cremmin**

Rock & Roll

Friday, September 17

**West Bay Rhythm**

Jazz and Blues



# Summer in San Bruno!

**T**he Recreation Services Department summer season is upon us, and it is time to register for the exciting programs. Camps, Aquatics, and Special Events for all ages are just some of the activities the community can look forward to. For additional information on any of the programs, contact the San Bruno Recreation Services Department at 650-616-7180.

This summer, camp programs will include programs for children ages 4-14 years old. Mini Kaleidoscope (for children ages 4-5 years old) gives parents the option of a half-day or a full day of camp. Camp Kaleidoscope is a full-day camp for children ages 6-10 years old. Both day camps offer children a variety of activities, such as arts & crafts, games, sports, music, drama, cooking, local field trips, special carnival and Olympic events, and much more. These camps are centrally located in beautiful San Bruno City Park. This year, we will also be offering the Summer Playground Program at the Belle Air Community Center. The program runs from June 28 to July 30, from 1-4 p.m., and is free to all San Bruno residents ages 6-11 years old.

Teens and Pre-teens looking for fun activities this summer don't have to look any further than the Recreation Services Department. Programs have been expanded to include a camp and some weekend activities. Adventure Camp, for children ages 11-14 years old, will take kids on daily field trips with the supervision of trained department staff. Trips can range from bowling, pizza, a movie, to

Great America, and Raging Waters!

This year, we have expanded the offering of camps. In addition to the soccer, basketball, and baseball programs offered, we have a golf camp, middle school and high school volleyball clinics, and science adventure camps.

The Summer Aquatics pro-

gram will again include morning, evening, and weekend swim lessons for all ages, as well as private lessons taught by our exceptional staff. As always, lessons, lap swim, water aerobics, and recreational swim will anchor the aquatics swim season. Again this year, Friday Family Swim Night will be offered! Families can come enjoy games, music, hot dogs, and an evening of swimming for the low price of \$4 per person!

Registration for swim lessons and camps are taken at the Recreation Department in San Bruno City Park. The pool will be open beginning June 14.

For the 50+ "Fun Seekers," the Senior Center will be sponsoring its

5th annual "August Summer Fun" Week, August 16-20, 2004. This year's activities will include billiards, ping-pong, water aerobics, a hike, horse-shoes, and a softball game. The emphasis is on fun and participation, but some of the events offer tournaments or competition for individuals to test their skills against others. This year, August Summer Fun will culminate with an Awards Party on Friday, August 20, which will include an awards presentation. All events are free and held at the San Bruno Senior Center or City Park facilities. For more information or to register for an event, contact Mary Tessier at 650-616-7152.

To round things out this summer, we have a few special events fun for the entire community. The Clean Sweep Flea Market in San Bruno City Park will be held on Sunday, July 25, and Sunday, September 26. The summer outdoor adventure trips this summer include a kayak trip on the San Francisco Bay, Tall Ship Sailing on the Hawaiian Chieftain, and a visit to the Napa Valley Wine Train. Finally, Concerts at the Rotary Pavilion series will be held in San Bruno City Park during the months of August and September. Also, be sure to check out our summer brochure for new classes and programs for people of all ages!



## Focus on . . .

# two new members of the City's management team

**O**n February 23, 2004, Dan Voreyer was appointed as the Fire Chief for the City of San Bruno. He is a lifelong resident who started his fire service



career as a volunteer firefighter in San Bruno in 1979. He has served the Department his entire career and rose through the ranks to his new position. "I am excited and privileged to serve the community and the members of the Department," Voreyer

stated. He sees some difficult challenges ahead due to budget deficit problems, but is confident the Fire Department will continue to provide excellent service. "We now have a stable organization and one that is capable of meeting the emergency services, fire prevention and disaster preparedness needs of San Bruno." Chief Voreyer holds a bachelor's degree from California State University, Long Beach, and lives in San Bruno with his wife Lori and their children Joe, Judy, and Leanne.

**T**enzin Gyaltsen was appointed as the Cable Television Director for the City of San Bruno in January 2004, replacing retired Cable Director Dave Thomas. Gyaltsen most recently served as Group and State Director of Operations for Charter Communications, Rocky Mountain Group, based in Colorado. Gyaltsen was selected following a western regional recruitment for the position.



Gyaltsen is a graduate of Metropolitan State University in Denver with a bachelor's degree in accounting, and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Colorado - Denver. He is a U.S. citizen who was born in India and is multi-lingual, speaking English, Tibetan, and Hindi. In speaking about his new role, Gyaltsen said, "I am looking forward to the unique opportunity to manage one of the country's top municipal cable operations and want to continue the strong customer service focus and quality of operations that I have observed."

## Giants community night



**J**oin us for the 3rd Annual San Bruno Community Night at SBC Park when the San Francisco Giants take on the Arizona Diamondbacks.

**When: Friday, July 9, 7:15 p.m. Game Time.**

Show your team spirit by getting a group of people together and cheering on the Giants. Tickets are available for \$23 per ticket at the San Bruno Parks and Recreation Department. For additional information, call 650-616-7182.

# Project Read – helping adults to read!

**D**id you know that 1 in 4 people in the U.S. have difficulty reading? Project Read is an adult literacy program that strives to combat this national problem. Based at the South San Francisco Public Library, Project Read works in partnership with the San Bruno Library to help residents in North San Mateo County improve their reading skills. Project Read trains tutors to teach adults to read, giving them the tools they need to live a more productive and happy life. Successful learners have achieved such things as getting a GED, receiving a new job or promotion, reading a book to their children, or passing their driver's test. In this process, they have also discovered a newfound sense of accomplishment and confidence that comes from shedding years of shame and embarrassment.

*Project Read  
Tutor  
Lonny Baker  
(left)  
pictured with  
San Bruno  
Learner  
Frankie Haynes.*



Volunteer tutors are what really make the difference in teaching learners how to improve their reading. No experience is required. Project Read provides free training and materials and will match tutors with a learner for a six-month commitment. Most pairs meet once or twice a week for about an hour or two each time. When and where a tutor and learner meet is entirely up

to them. Project Read is there to support the process and make it a positive, successful experience.

Many volunteer tutors say that being a Project Read tutor is more satisfying and more meaningful than any "real" job they've ever had. If you are interested in volunteering to be a tutor, please call Project Read at 650-829-3871 or view their Web site at [ssf.net/ProjectRead](http://ssf.net/ProjectRead).

## City of San Bruno New Business Licenses for 01/01/04 through 3/31/04

These businesses have opened in San Bruno or had a change in ownership. We encourage you to visit these new businesses and shop locally, as a portion of the sales tax paid is returned to the City and used to provide City services.

BUSINESS NAME	BUSINESS TYPE	BUSINESS ADDRESS	PHONE NO.
AUTO IMAGE	AUTOBODY & REPAIR	860 SAN MATEO AVE	415 812-3847
BETTY ONG REAL ESTATE	REAL ESTATE SALES & LISTINGS	249 EL CAMINO REAL	650 873-5457
CAFE ON THE LAKE	DELI & CAFÉ	1200 BAYHILL DR #121	650 588-7087
CHOO CHOO TIME	CHOO CHOO TRAIN RIDES FOR CHILDREN	CITY PARK	650 342-6093
CITIZEN K-9	DOG AND CAT TRAINING	223 BOARDWALK AVE #B	650 642-6988
DANIZA WEIGHT CONTROL MEDICAL CLINIC	WEIGHT LOSS CLINIC	440 SAN MATEO AVE #N5	650 588-5808
GLO'S PERMS, COLORS & CUTS	BEAUTY SHOPS	1766 EL CAMINO REAL	650 518-0303
HON LIN RESTAURANT	RESTAURANT	500 SAN MATEO AVE	650 872-2288
L C AUTO ELECTRIC	GENERAL AUTO REPAIR	161 TANFORAN AVE	650 952-1491
MID PENINSULA PEDIATRIC MEDICAL GROUP	MEDICAL PRACTICE	1001 SNEATH LANE #104	650 784-1128
OLIVE TREE MARKET & CAFE	CAFÉ	441 EL CAMINO REAL	650 615-0559
PENINSULA TRANSMISSION	TRANSMISSION REPAIR	200 EL CAMINO REAL	650 589-8737
SB AUTO PARTS	AUTO SUPPLY STORE	1772 EL CAMINO REAL	650 255-6046
U.S. PACIFIC LOANS	MORTGAGE BROKER	249 EL CAMINO REAL	650 873-5457
YESASIA.COM	ONLINE RETAIL OF ASIAN PRODUCTS	1192 CHERRY AVE	415 777-3280





# Buckle up!

**A**n ongoing goal for the San Bruno Police Department is to decrease the number of traffic accidents and the injuries associated with these collisions. Enforcement plays a key role in reducing collisions and preventing injuries.

During the weeks of May 26 through June 6, 2004, and the weeks of August 12 through August 18, 2004, and September 2 through September 8, 2004, officers from the San Bruno Police Department will join other law enforcement agencies throughout the nation in stepping up efforts to increase seat belt usage among motorists. The Department is participating in the California Seat Belt Compliance Campaign, designed to increase the state's seat belt use rate to 94% by September 2004.

California's seat belt usage rate survey increased slightly from 91.1% in 2002 to 91.2% in 2003. The "late eight" (8.8%) represents the more than 3 million California vehicle occupants that remain unbelted — more than the population of 21 states.

Funding for this program has been provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety through the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency. The grant funding will be used to deploy increased patrols that will enforce state seat belt laws during these weeklong programs. During the last California Seat Belt Compliance Campaign held from November 17

thorough November 30, 2003, officers from the San Bruno Police Department wrote a total of 303 citations for seat belt violations, including two child safety seat restraint violations.

The enforcement mobilization focuses on all drivers and vehicle occupants in California who fail to wear seat belts. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for children ages 2 through 14. In 2002, on our nation's highways, motor vehicle crashes took the lives of 1,785

child passenger occupants from birth to age 15 and injured some 227,000 more. Fifty percent of the 1,785 children who died in crashes were unbelted. Tragically, nearly half of the children who were unbelted would be alive today if only they had been properly restrained.

The San Bruno Police Department hopes that the campaign will remind everyone that wearing seat belts and securing children in child safety seats are the single most important acts one can do to save lives.

## Prepare to stop!



**C**ity contractors work on a new traffic signal at the intersection of Sneath Lane and National Avenue (formerly Commodore Drive) that was activated in late May. This project implements a developer-funded traffic mitigation measure required as part of the former Navy site's redevelopment.

# Focus on ... **your questions**

**Q:** Why do I always see the fire engines parked in front of the GAP building on Cherry Avenue?

**A:** The Fire Department participates in a daily physical fitness program for all members of the Department. In a cooperative arrangement with the GAP, we utilize the health club located at this facility. Firefighter injuries and death are prevalent in the fire service, and we have taken a proactive approach to preventing this problem. In the first year of this program, we have seen a substantial decrease in worker's compensation injuries, significant weight loss among firefighters, and savings in our personnel costs related to on-the-job injuries. We maintain our response times because of the centralized location of the facility, and we continue our other daily assignments such as training and fire prevention inspections.

**Q:** How can I reduce my water bill?

**A:** Water bills in San Bruno are based mainly on water usage, so you can do yourself and our environment a favor by using the minimum amount of water that you need for your home or business. The City has a new Web site devoted specifically to ways to conserve water; you can access this information at [www.sanbrunowater.ca.gov](http://www.sanbrunowater.ca.gov). The City also has publications available on conserving water in your garden, on how water conservation can save energy, and on simple plumbing tips. To obtain one of these publications, call 650-616-7068 and leave your name, address, and the subject of the publication you are requesting.

**Q:** I am a parent who works out of town. How do I register for recreation activities or make picnic reservations after 5:00 p.m.?

**A:** Regular business hours at the Recreation Center are Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (We are open during the lunch hour to accept registrations and reservations.) Provided you have a MasterCard or Visa credit card and a program registration form, you may also register by fax. The fax number at the Recreation Center is 650-583-2545.

**Q:** Are there other reserved picnic sites available in San Bruno, other than those at San Bruno City Park?

**A:** Yes. You may also reserve one of several reserved picnic sites at Commodore Park. In late summer, Grundy Park will also be available for reserved picnic site users. For more information, please call 650-616-7180 or 616-7185.

**Q:** I would like to apply for a job with the City of San Bruno. Can I apply online?

**A:** Yes. The City of San Bruno now has its job application online. You can access the application through the City's Web site [www.ci.sanbruno.ca.us](http://www.ci.sanbruno.ca.us) or directly through [calopps.org](http://calopps.org). This Web site is also an excellent resource for other public sector employment opportunities in California.

**Q:** How can teenagers become involved with the Police Department?

**A:** The San Bruno Police Explorer Post #559 has afforded teenagers and young adults the opportunity to volunteer their services and to familiarize themselves with police operations. If you are interested in the San Bruno Police Explorer Program and are between the ages of 14 and 20, contact the Explorer Post Advisor at (650) 616-7100.

**Q:** There are dogs barking in the neighborhood and creating a nuisance. What can I do?

**A:** After calling the Police Department and making a report, the City Clerk will send a letter noting the complaint and advise the homeowner to control the animal. In order to reduce "barking dog complaints," there is a requirement that anyone housing more than two adult dogs must obtain a permit from the City Clerk, and this process includes written statements from neighbors stating they have no objection.

## Frequently Called Numbers (Area Code 650)

Building Permits  
616-7076

Business Taxes & Licenses  
616-7083

Cable TV  
877-8889

City Clerk  
616-7058

City Council  
616-7060

City Manager  
616-7056

Finance  
616-7080

Fire - Business  
616-7096

Graffiti Hotline  
616-7141

Library  
616-7078

Neighborhood  
Improvement  
616-7074

Recreation  
616-7180

Human Resources  
Division  
616-7055

Parks  
616-7195

Planning  
616-7074

Police - Business  
616-7100

Public Works/  
Corp. Yard  
616-7160

Public Works/  
Engineering  
616-7065

Senior Center  
616-7150

Streets  
616-7161

Utility Billing  
616-7086

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